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TITLE: Postdoctoral Research Fellow (Microbial Control of Sweetpotato Weevil)

WORK LOCATION: Department of Entomology, LSU AgCenter, Baton Rouge, Louisiana

POSITION DESCRIPTION: Funding is currently available for a postdoctoral researcher in the area of sweetpotato weevil biological control. The successful applicant will conduct research at the Louisiana State University Agricultural Center Department of Entomology in partnership with AgBiome, Inc. as part of a Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation funded project. The overall objective is to “develop a microbial solution for deployment to smallholder farmers in African nations to control sweetpotato weevils.” The incumbent will develop and optimize the use of microbial biological control for sweetpotato weevil and refine its use within the context of an integrated pest management program.

QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS: PhD in Entomology, Plant Pathology or related discipline. Experience in biological control, insect pathology, microbiology or bacteriology is preferred. Proven ability in diligent documentation, record-keeping, and reporting of experimental data is required.

SALARY AND BENEFITS: Salary will be commensurate with qualifications and experience. The LSU AgCenter has an attractive benefits package with a wide variety of benefit options. Benefits offered include retirement, multiple medical insurance options, supplemental insurances (dental, life, long-term disability, accident, vision, long-term care, etc.), Tax Saver Flexible Benefits Plan (saves tax dollars on some child care and medical expenses), university holidays (14 per year, typically includes a week off at Christmas), generous annual (vacation) and sick leave benefits, Employee Assistance Program, and possible educational leave and tuition exemption for coursework at campuses of the LSU System. Specific benefits depend on job category, percent effort and length of employment.

DATE AVAILABLE: January 2020.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: November 29, 2019 or until a suitable candidate is identified.

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